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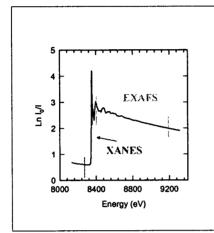
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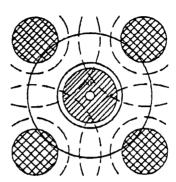


#### **Outlines**

- The structure studies of the new carbon coated silicon anode materials using *in situ* XRD
- The long-range and local structure changes of the LiMn<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> cathode material during electrochemical cycling using in situ XRD, in situ x-ray absorption and NMR spectroscopy
- The surface damages of cathode materials caused by interaction with electrolytes and the effects of surface coating

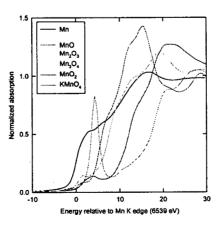




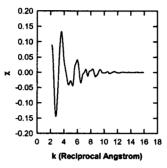


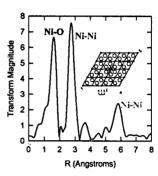
## XANES GIVES INFORMATION ON OXIDATION STATE AND COORDINATION

#### Effect of oxidation state on Mn XANES





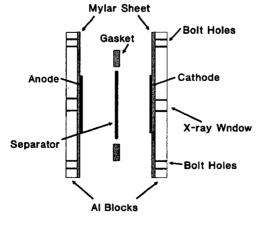


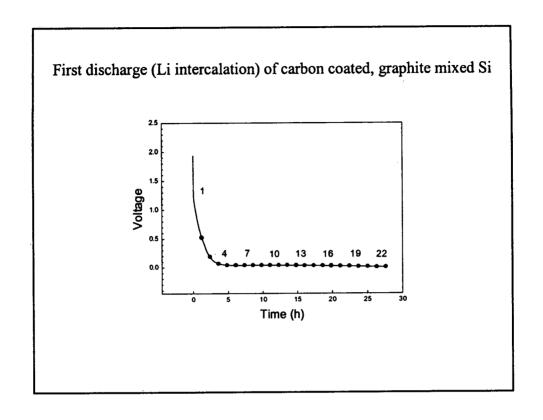


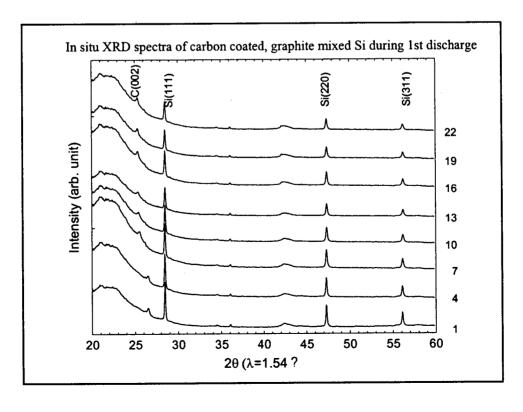
ENAFS data can be fitted in k and R space to derive bond distances and coordination numbers

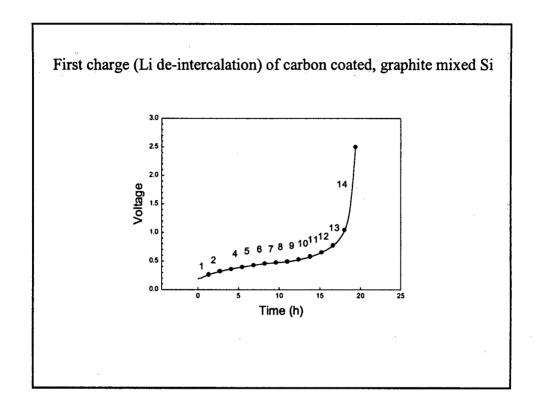
EXAFS gives structural information

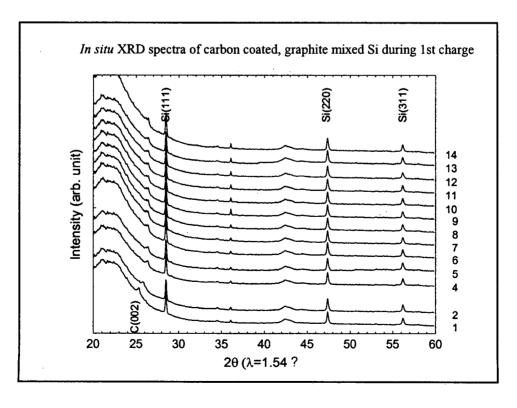
## CELL FOR IN SITU XAS AND XRD STUDIES OF LITHIUM-ION ELECTRODE MATERIALS





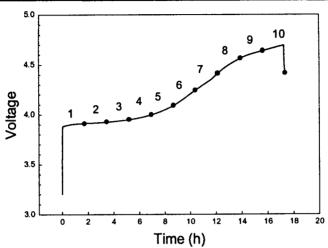










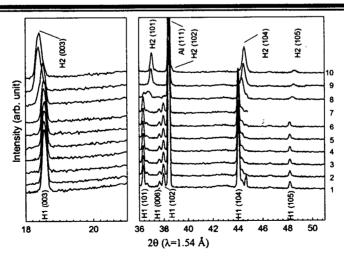


The cell was charged at a constant current of 0.3 mA for 17 hours to reach the 4.7 V cut-off limit with a specific charge capacity about 175 mAh/g.

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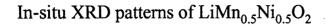
### *In-situ* XRD patterns of LiMn $_{0.5}$ Ni $_{0.5}$ O $_2$



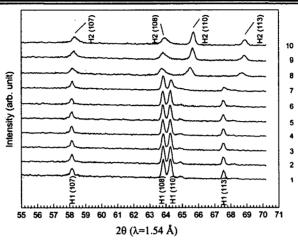


Two hexagonal phases (H1, H2) are identified and the Bragg peaks related to each of them are indexed. H3 phase formation suppressed (at least up to 4.6V).

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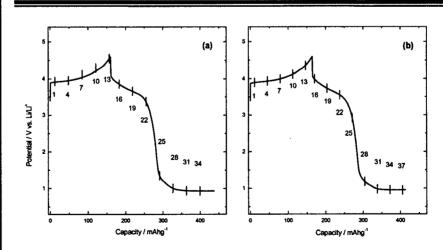


The changes in lattice parameters from H1 (a=2.895 Å and c=14.311 Å from scan 1) to H2 (a=2.839 Å and c=14.428 Å from scan 10) are significantly smaller than those in the LiNiO<sub>2</sub> system

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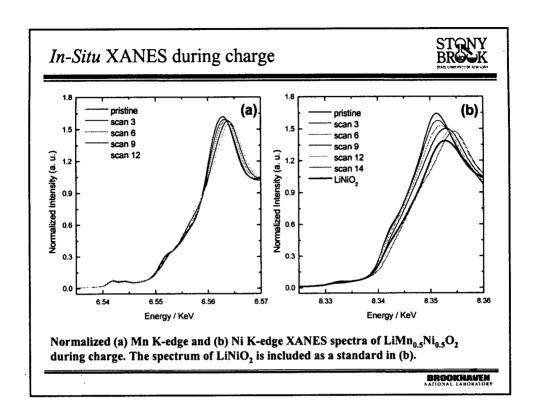
First Cycle Curve for in-situ XAS results

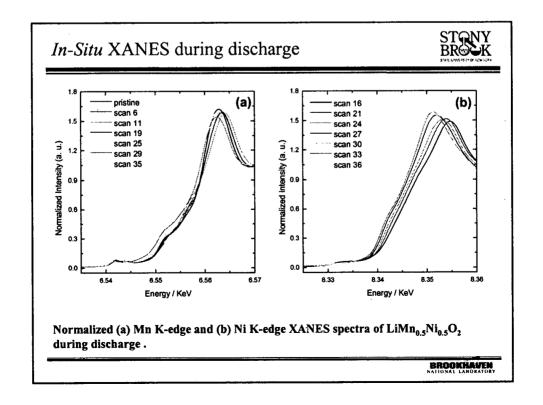


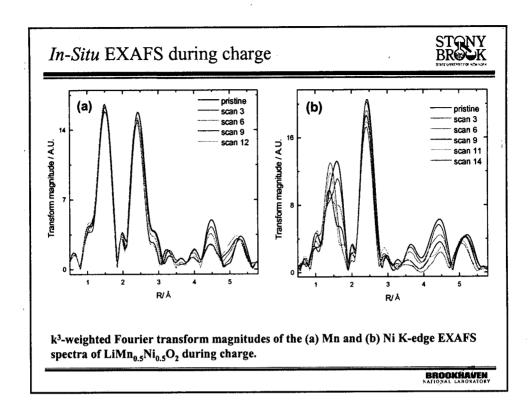


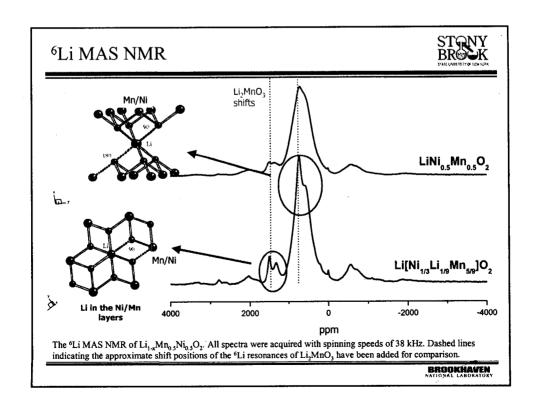
Voltage profiles during the first charge and discharge; (a) cell for the Mn XAS (b) cell for the Ni XAS. Every third XAS scan was marked on the curves.

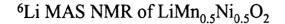
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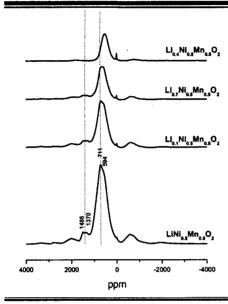












- •On charging, Li ions in both the Mn<sup>4+</sup>/Ni<sup>2+</sup> and lithium layers are removed and no new resonances are observed.
- •Only the resonance due to Li in the lithium layers at  $\sim 600$  ppm is observed for the  $\rm Li_{0.4}Mn_{0.5}Ni_{0.5}O_2$  sample.
- Li NMR results as a function of state of charge indicate that, in contrast to  ${\rm Li}[{\rm Li}_{0.2}{\rm Mn}_{0.4}{\rm Cr}_{0.4}]{\rm O}_2$ , the Li is removed from the Ni/Mn layers
- •The lithium that remains in the lattice at higher potentials appears to be predominantly nearby nickel.

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#### **Summaries**



- The charge process above 2 V is accompanied by a reversible phase transition between H1 to H2, similar to the LiNiO, system.
- From the Mn and Ni K-edge XANES results of LiMn  $_{0.5}$ Ni $_{0.5}$ O<sub>2</sub>, we conclude that the charge compensation, when charging between 2 and 4.6 V, is achieved mainly by the oxidation of Ni<sup>2+</sup> to Ni<sup>4+</sup> ions, while the manganese ions remain mostly unchanged in the Mn<sup>4+</sup> state.
- When discharging LiMn <sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at low voltage plateau (~1 V), however, the charge compensation for the Li-ion intercalation process is achieved via reduction of Mn<sup>4+</sup>.
- The  $^6$ Li MAS NMR results of LiMn  $_{0.5}$ Ni $_{0.5}$ O $_2$  at different charge states reveal that Li is found not only in the Li layer but also in the Ni $^{2+}$ /Mn $^{4+}$  layers, primarily in an environment surrounded by 6 Mn $^{4+}$  as in Li,MnO $_3$ .
- All the Li<sup>+</sup> in the Ni<sup>2+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup> layers are removed on charging to form Li<sub>0.4</sub>Mn<sub>0.5</sub>Ni<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, the residual Li<sup>+</sup> occupying sites near nickel in the lithium layers.
- The <sup>6</sup>Li MAS NMR results of Li[Li<sub>1/9</sub>Mn<sub>5/9</sub>Ni<sub>3/9</sub>]O<sub>2</sub> after first cycle reveal that Li ions re-intercalated not only into the Li layer but also into the Ni<sup>2+</sup>/Mn<sup>4+</sup> layers.

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